AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A micro-oscillation element, comprising:

a movable main section;

a first frame and a second frame;

a first connecting section that connects the movable main section and the first frame and defines a first axis of rotation for a first rotational operation of the movable main section with respect to the first frame;

a second connecting section that connects the first frame and the second frame and defines a second axis of rotation for a second rotational operation of the first frame and the movable main section with respect to the second frame;

a first drive mechanism for generating a driving force for the first rotational operation; and

a second drive mechanism for generating a driving force for the second rotational operation;

wherein the first axis of rotation and the second axis of rotation are not orthogonal; and

wherein the first frame has four sides including an electrode supporting side, a part of the first drive mechanism extending from said electrode supporting side of the first frame toward the movable main section, a part of the second drive mechanism extending from said electrode supporting side of the first frame toward the second frame.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended) The micro-oscillation element according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein at least one of the first drive mechanism and[[/or]] the second drive mechanism comprises a set of comb tooth-shaped electrodes.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The micro-oscillation element according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein the first drive mechanism and the second drive mechanism are ~~constituted such that they can be~~ operated under common control.

Claim 5 (original): The micro-oscillation element according to claim 4, wherein the first drive mechanism and the second drive mechanism are connected electrically in parallel.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The micro-oscillation element according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein the first drive mechanism and the second drive mechanism are electrically separated[[,]] and ~~are constituted such that they can be~~ operated under mutually independent control.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~A micro-oscillation element, comprising:~~

~~a movable main section;~~

~~a frame;~~

~~a connecting section that connects the movable section and the frame and defines an axis of rotation for a rotational operation of the movable section with respect to the frame; and~~

~~a drive mechanism comprising a first comb-tooth-shaped electrode and a second comb tooth-shaped electrode for generating a driving force for the rotational operation;~~

~~the first comb-tooth-shaped electrode and/or the second comb-tooth-shaped electrode comprising electrode teeth having a structure wherein an electrically separated first conductor section and second conductor section, and an insulating section interposed between the first and second conductor sections, are layered in the direction of the rotational operation~~ The micro-oscillation element according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first drive mechanism and the second drive mechanism comprises a first comb tooth-shaped electrode and a second comb tooth-shaped electrode,

at least one of the first comb tooth-shaped electrode and the second comb tooth-shaped electrode having a laminated structure which includes a first conductor section, a second conductor section, and an insulating section interposed between the first and second conductor sections.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~A micro-oscillation element, comprising:~~

~~a movable main section;~~

~~a frame;~~

~~a connecting section that connects the movable section and the frame and defines an axis of rotation for a rotational operation of the movable section with respect to the frame; and~~

~~a drive mechanism comprising a first comb-tooth-shaped electrode and a second comb tooth-shaped electrode for generating a driving force for the rotational operation;~~

~~the first comb-tooth-shaped electrode comprising electrode teeth having a structure wherein an electrically connected first conductor section and second conductor section, and an insulating section interposed between the first and second conductor sections, are layered in the direction of the rotational operation; and~~

~~the second comb-tooth-shaped electrode comprising electrode teeth consisting of a third conductor section that opposes the first conductor section and does not oppose the second conductor section, when the element is not driven~~ The micro-oscillation element according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first drive mechanism and the second drive mechanism comprises a first comb tooth-shaped electrode and a second comb tooth-shaped electrode,

the first comb tooth-shaped electrode having a laminated structure which includes a first conductor section, a second conductor section, and an insulating section interposed between the first and second conductor sections,

the second comb tooth-shaped electrode having a third conductor section facing the first conductor section above the second conductor section when the micro-oscillation element is not driven.

Claim 10. (original): The micro-oscillation element according to claim 9, wherein the first conductor section and the third conductor section are of different lengths in the direction of rotational operation.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The micro-oscillation element according to claim 9, wherein at least one ~~electrode~~ of the ~~set of~~ first and second comb tooth-shaped electrodes has a base section and electrode teeth extending from the base section, the electrode teeth having regions that gradually increase in width or thickness towards ~~an end of~~ the base section ~~side~~.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The micro-oscillation element according to claim 9, wherein at least one ~~electrode~~ of the ~~set of~~ first and second comb tooth-shaped electrodes has a base section and electrode teeth extending from the base section, the electrode teeth having regions that gradually increase in width as approaching the other comb tooth-shaped electrode.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The micro-oscillation element according to claim 1, wherein the first connecting section has a cavity ~~section~~ that becomes wider as approaching the movable main section, ~~in addition to which, or instead of which,~~ and the second connecting section has a cavity ~~section~~ that becomes wider as approaching the first frame.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The micro-oscillation element according to claim [[9]] 1, wherein ~~the connecting section has a cavity that becomes wider as approaching the movable section~~ said part of the first drive mechanism, said part of the second drive mechanism, the first connecting section, and the second connecting section extend from said electrode supporting side of the first frame.

Claims 15-30 (canceled).